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3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 12/27/2006 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on 12/14/2006. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for indicating allowance of claim 14: The prior art does not disclose at least two electrical contact elements contacting the grounded metal guide rail wherein the contact elements are separated from one another and in contact with the metal guide rail and the contact elements together with a portion of the guide rail extending between the contact elements forming a safety loop supplied from a low voltage electrical generator with terminals connected to the safety loop; and a current passage detector connected to the safety loop and detecting a current flowing in the safety loop and furnishing a signal indicating whether the safety loop is one of open or closed depending upon whether electrical contact at a level of the contact elements is one of satisfactory or unsatisfactory, and when the electrical contact is unsatisfactory, the signal causing at least one of safety elements to be engaged. This feature in combination with the rest of the claim limitations is not anticipated or rendered obvious by the prior art of record.

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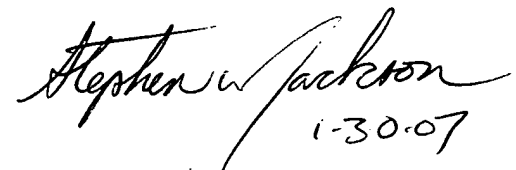
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dharti H. Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-8659. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am - 5pm.

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